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This information was cited in a European Search Report dated May 7, 2004, and it is hereby certified that this disclosure is being made within three months of that date.

United States Patent 5,627,997, Pearson, et al., relates to a method and system for converting the format of computer mail messages using a dynamic set of conversion routines. A conversion engine reads the message and determines the conversion routines to use.

United States Patent 6,101,320, Schuetze et al., relates to a system and method for exchanging electronic mail between dissimilar electronic mail systems. Electronic mail is converted into the recipient's format which is determined by searching for information regarding the recipient's organization in internal and external databases.

European Patent Application EP 1016989 A2, Hon-Siew YEE et al., relates to a system for integrating a plurality of computer applications. The computer applications pass messages among them using an enterprise messaging system. A database coupled to the messaging system stores a plurality of data transformation configurations and a plurality of rules.

European Patent Application EP 1056247 A2, Hirokimi SHIMIZU et al., relates to a printing system including an application server for receiving emails and converting the emails into print data for printing.

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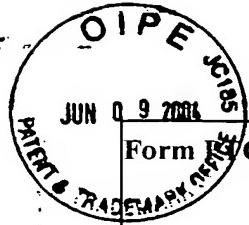
PCT Application WO 97/40456, Dale WILLIAMS et al.,  
relates to a device and method for converting records using a  
conversion engine which receives formatted input records and  
converts the records into a universal format in real-time and  
transmits the converted records to an output host device.

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